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**Teck BC Cup 1 was a Great 'Dry Run' for World Junior Champs Coming to Whistler Later This Month!**



*Racers lining up for the interval start*

The XC ski community was out in full force to support the TECK BC Cup 1 and Canada Winter Games Trials that took place at Whistler Olympic Park this past weekend. Hosted by **Black Tusk Nordic Events Society**, 460 competitors, 130 coaches, 90 volunteers and Whistler Olympic Park staff worked harmoniously to make the event a great success. Attendees were subject to every possible weather condition imaginable- from bluebird skies to blizzards to pouring rain!

Racers ranged in age from under six to well over 60! There were two types of events: Saturday was crowd pleasing 'classic' technique sprints and Sunday was interval start 'free' technique. Distances ranged from 400m to 10km. This was a province wide competition and the stakes were high as it was also the youth qualifier for the Canada Winter Games being held in PEI later this winter! Results from the event can be found [here](#). And the qualifying Winter Games athlete list is [here](#).



*Pre race smiles*



*Leaving it all out there*  
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"Racers from all corners of BC provided an opportunity for BTNES volunteers to fine tune our preparations for the **FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships** that are just around the corner. We are excited to welcome the world to our Olympic legacy venue in Whistler," said Shannon Harris, Race Secretary for this past weekend. More information about JR Worlds, January 27 to February 5, can be found [here](#). **This will be the largest event at Whistler Olympic Park since the 2010 Olympics!**

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